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PATRICK L. RACE

REF: TELECON BETWEEN CUCM NOWAKOWSKI AND RSO WARSAW
AUGUST 22, 1978

1. PER TELECON, FOLLOWING NAVPERS FORM 1650/6 INFORMATION
IS PROVIDED:

SUMMARY OF ACTION: THE PERFORMANCE OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
PATRICK L. RACE DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 4, 1975 TO AUGUST 1,
1978 HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING AND IS WORTHY OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION
ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT ABLE TO BE REFLECTED IN HIS
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS REPORTS.

CHIEF RACE ESTABLISHED HIMSELF FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
OF HIS TOUR IN WARSAW, POLAND AS BEING EXTREMELY CAPABLE,
DEPENDABLE, RESOURCEFUL AND ABOVE ALL, VERSATILE. HE HAS
BUILT AND EXPANDED UPON THAT CREDITABLE INITIAL BASE DURING
THE PAST THREE YEARS TO THE POINT WHERE HIS SYSTEMATIC WORK
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HABITS, HIGH DEGREE OF CREATIVITY, THOROUGHNESS AND EXCEPTIONAL
PRODUCTIVITY ARE REGARDED BY THIS EMBASSY AS OUTSTANDING. HE HAS
CONTINUALLY ENDEAVORED TO IMPROVE HIS CAPABILITIES BY KEEPING
ABREAST OF THE LATEST IMPROVEMENTS IN HIS AREA OF SPECIALITY AS
WELL AS IN ALL RELATED FIELDS. IN SITUATIONS REQUIRING SPECIAL
TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE IN POLAND, CHIEF RACE HAS USED
HIS EXTRAORDINARY

INGENUITY AND VAST TECHNICAL APTITUDE TO IMPROVISE THE NEEDED EQUIPMENT, THUS AVOIDING UNDUE DELAYS AND INCONVENIENCE TO EMBASSY OPERATIONS. CHIEF RACE POSSESSES AN INVENTIVE MIND AND HAS DEVELOPED A SPECIAL MODIFICATION TO ONE PIECE OF CLASSIFIED SECURITY EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR USE ON ALL SUCH EQUIPMENT IN THE OFFICE OF SECURITY'S INVENTORY. HE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ADEPT AT FINDING THE QUICKEST AND MOST EFFICIENT MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING HIS TASKS WITHOUT SACRIFICING QUALITY. HIS PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN SO EXCEPTIONAL IN SUCH A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS AREAS THAT EMBASSY EMPLOYEES, BOTH AMERICAN AND POLISH, HAVE COME TO RELY UPON HIS TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AND ACKNOWLEDGED EXPERTISE TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS NORMALLY EXPECTED TO BE HANDLED BY SPECIALLY TRAINED TECHNICIANS. IN DEALING WITH THE EMBASSY'S LOCAL WORK FORCE, WITH WHOM HE HAS HAD DAILY CONTACT, CHIEF RACE'S LOW KEY APPROACH TO SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS WILLINGNESS TO PERSONALLY ASSIST OTHERS WHEN NEEDED, HAVE EARNED HIM THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF THESE EMPLOYEES. HE HAS PROFESSIONALLY MANAGED AND SUPERVISED A MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROGRAM OF FACILITIES AND FACILITY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN THE CLASSIFIED AND RESTRICTED SPACES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND ITS TWO CONSULATES. HE HAS TRAVELLED ALONE TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATES IN KRAKOW AND POZNAN, POLAND AND SUCCESSFULLY AND QUICKLY SOLVED CRITICAL SECURITY-RELATED MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS. THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND STAFFS OF BOTH CON-

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SULATES HAVE PRAISED HIS INGENUITY, DILIGENCE AND INITIATIVE. DURING TWO PRESIDENTIAL VISITS TO POLAND, HE PROVIDED HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AND SERVICE TO THE WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY, FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED A WRITTEN COMMENDATION. CHIEF RACE'S CONDUCT ON AND OFF DUTY HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY. HE HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. NAVAL SERVICE AND THE NAVAL SUPPORT UNIT OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. HIS CONTINUED OPTIMISM AND FRIENDLY ATTITUDE IN THE RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT OF EASTERN EUROPE HAS BEEN HIGHLY COMMENDABLE AND HAS ADDED IMMEASURABLY TO THE OVERALL MORALE OF EMBASSY EMPLOYEES. CHIEF RACE IS DEFINITELY A CUT ABOVE HIS CONTEMPORARIES. HIS REMARKABLE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE HAVE FAR EXCEEDED BOTH HIS CURRENT GRADE AND THE PRESCRIBED DUTIES OF HIS BUILDERS RATE. HE HAS BEEN WITHOUT A DOUBT ONE OF THE FINEST, MOST CAPABLE NAVAL NCOS SERVING ABROAD. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXCEPTIONAL AND SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AS THE RESIDENT SEABEE AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, WARSAW, POLAND, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PATRICK L. RACE IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED FOR THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL.

2. DRAFT CITATION: FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM JUNE 4, 1975

TO AUGUST 1, 1978 WHILE SERVING WITH THE NAVAL SUPPORT UNIT
STATE DEPARTMENT AS CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE
RESIDENT SEABEE PROGRAM AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, WARSAW,
POLAND. CHIEF PETTY OFFICER RACE MANAGED AND SUPERVISED
A MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROGRAM OF FACILITIES AND FACILITY
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN THE CLASSIFIED AND RESTRICTED
SPACES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND ITS TWO CONSULATES.
OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, HE CONTINUALLY AND METHODICALLY
ACCOMPLISHED HIS WORK WITH THE PRECISION AND EXCELLENCE OF
A TRUE PROFESSIONAL. HIS WIDELY DEMONSTRATED TECHNICAL
COMPETENCE, ALONG WITH HIS INITIATIVE, RESOURCEFULNESS,
INGENUITY AND RELIABILITY HAVE MADE HIM INDISPENSABLE TO THE
EMBASSY'S OVERSEAS MISSION. CHIEF PETTY OFFICER RACE
SUCCESSFULLY OVERCAME THE CHALLENGES OF LIMITED CONSTRUCTION
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SUPPORT, MATERIAL SHORTAGES AND LANGUAGE BARRIERS THROUGH
DILIGENCE, WORK FLEXIBILITY AND AN UNUSUAL ABILITY TO ADAPT
TO THE ENVIRONMENT. HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE, BASED
ON SELFLESS DEDICATION AND COMMENDABLE PROFESSIONALISM,
HAVE RELECTED GREAT CREDIT ON THE SEABEES, THE ENTIRE U.S.
NAVAL SERVICE AND THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.
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